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## Dear Dr. Inskeep:

Pursuant to your letter of September 18, 1978 and further to our letter of September 27, 1978, we have now prepared and filed a supplementary prior art statement in connection with the above-identified patent application. A copy of the statement is enclosed herewith for your personal files.

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Sincerely yours, cited each of the references noted by you as being pertinent to the present invention, i.e., those patents that were checked on the computer sheet forwarded to our attention. We have, however, deleted those patents which were already contained in the Specification or which, alternatively, were duplicative of each other.

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